

**DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN PATENT APPLICATION (37 CFR 1.63)**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought of the invention entitled:

Check Valve and Valve Arrangement Comprising Such a Check Valve

the specification of which

[] is attached hereto; or
[X] was filed on **8/23/2002**
as US Application Ser. No. **10/064,861**
or PCT Application No.
and was amended on _____.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35 U.S.C. 119 (a)-(d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or 365(b) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application Ser. No.	Country	Foreign Filing Date (Month/Day/Year)	Priority Claimed	
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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

Application No.	Filing Date (Month/Day/Year)

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U.S. Parent Application or PCT Parent No.	Parent Filing Date (Month/Day/Year)	Parent Patent No.

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